

# Tilbury Liaison Committee: Minutes: November 2014

<b>Date</b>	19:00, Wednesday 12 November 2014
<b>Location</b>	Tilbury Community Association, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AA
<b>Attendees</b>	Barney Barnard-Hill, Tilbury Community Forum (BBH) Tessa Dallyn-Roberts, Thameside Community Forum (TDR) Len Orpin, NGAGE (LO) Greg Ewing, ESB (GE) Paul Zanin, Tilbury Green Power (PZ) Alex Doel, Bellenden (AD)
<b>Minutes</b>	Stephen Mann, Bellenden (SM)
<b>Apologies</b>	Felicity Drewett, Highways Agency Matthew Gallagher, Thurrock Council Majella McCarron, ESB
<b>No Reply</b>	Cllr Bukky Okunade, Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park Ward Cllr Clare Baldwin, Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park Ward Keith Hatcher, Thurrock Park Residents' Association

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## 1. Welcome

AD opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. AD proposed changing the agenda so that presentations would first be heard from community groups with ESB responding.

## 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Felicity Drewett (Highways Agency), Matthew Gallagher (Thurrock Council) and Majella McCarron (ESB GWM).

No reply was received from Cllr Okunade (Labour, Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park Ward), Cllr Baldwin (Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park Ward) and Keith Hatcher (Thurrock Park Residents' Association)

AD asked for help communicating with the local councillors so that they are able to attend future meetings.

### **3. Minutes**

There were no amendments to the minutes.

### **4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **5. Scheme Update**

GE stated that the formalisation of ESB's involvement with the project has been delayed but that it is expected to begin before Christmas. There are a significant number of contractual and technical areas to be signed off before the project can be formalised, however, GE stressed that ESB was committed to the project. PZ and GE said they were working hard with a team of 40 others to try and reach project close.

The construction time-line has been delayed by a month however some early work is currently being undertaken to ensure the project is ready to finish as advertised.

GE then explained that stockpiled materials currently on the site are being moved with work expected to be completed within nine days of the TLC meeting. It was noted that, when work starts in the spring, contractors will be working with care as, with all projects of this nature, there is always the risk of discovering unexploded ordinance during the construction of the foundations.

LO asked if the Group could advertise the work that is going on.

GE responded that all the planning applications are in the public domain however, ESB's partner cannot have their name revealed until financial close for commercial reasons. An application to the Department for Energy and Climate Change is imminent concerning the main element of the plant which will represent the first public sign that the project is to go ahead.

GE stressed that anything said at the TLC is allowed to be conveyed more widely. AD added that all minutes from TLC are published on Tilbury Green Power project's website.

### **6. Community engagement**

The meeting went on to discuss the role each group plays within the local community with TDR, BBH and LO sharing information with the group about their own role.

BBH presented first and gave an overview of the royal British Legion in Tilbury. He further stated the Tilbury Community Forum has typically 25-30 active members and that they, like Thameside Community Forum, work to engage and liaise with the local community to help improve the area.

PZ asked about practical projects the groups are involved in.

TDR spoke about the Thameside Community Forum saying that it was involved in upgrading and clearing out a facility that had been used as a drugs den over the past ten years. They also helped secure a Britannia Sculpture by the river. Previously, they hosted a free fishing day for local residents. At present they are involved in litter clear ups, reporting defects and have campaigned for one way systems being installed to ease traffic.

BBH spoke about the work undertaken by Tilbury Community Forum to alleviate flooding within Tilbury. BBH had also attended a meeting with the lorry park to ensure the Port is not impacting heavily upon the local roads. BBH added that a problem concerning an allotment which had the lock cut was solved by the Community Forum.

LO presented to the group on the work done by NGAGE (attached) and the conversation developed onto the project to create a Tilbury Community Hub to replace the Council offices within the Civic Square.

LO said that Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) paid NGAGE to carry out consultation on a hub in Stifford and that they currently make just enough to keep things going as they are. The Community Forums were behind the Hub project but Thurrock Council was not in a strong position to provide more of them from existing funds due to the cuts to the Council's funding.

## **7. Community Engagement (ESB)**

GE said that he found the discussion useful and regretted that Majella McCarron, ESB's Stakeholder Manager, could not attend. However, he said he was hopeful she would attend the next meeting. GE emphasised that ESB is keen to be a good neighbour over the next 25+ years and is strongly involved with the local community on projects elsewhere in the country. ESB is keen for the community to feed into projects but also to ensure the projects give something back to local communities.

LO mentioned that there is a grant system from Government which subsidises employee positions within community groups and that ESB should contact Jackie Payne from NGAGE for further information.

GE asked how involved the local industry is with the community in Tilbury.

TDR stated that, in the past they have helped put up neighbourhood watch signs, adopted roundabouts and paid to clear up the beach.

BBH said that they have put out benches, supplied money for a horse trough and helped put up some gates. He said the Port is very active and will listen to the community.

TDR said typically the projects are within the £1-2,000 range but mean a lot if spent correctly.

# Bellenden

GE confirmed ESB is in contact with the Port and will talk to them about how they can work together.

**ACTION:** Contact details for groups to be circulated to Majella McCarron so she can make contact regarding potential visits.

**ACTION:** ESB to confirm Majella's attendance at the next meeting of the TLC.

**ACTION:** ESB to contact Jackie Payne from NGAGE.

## 8. Date of next meeting

AD suggested that the next meeting of the TLC could take place in February. GE confirmed that a lot of work is expected to start in March and late February would be a good time to meet.

The next meeting is due to occur in the fortnight beginning 23 February with a date determined by the availability of councillors and council officers.

AD also confirmed with the group that the venue – the Tilbury Community Association – was also acceptable.

**ACTION:** Bellenden to confirm date of next meeting following communication with councillors and council officers and circulate agenda in late January

## 9. Any other business

BBH raised Cllr Steve Liddiard and Cllr Lynne Worrall, may be useful points of contact to engage with regarding the TLC.

**ACTION:** Bellenden to contact Tilbury St Chads ward councillors, Cllr Liddiard and Cllr Worrall, and offer to update them on the role of the TLC.